

## **Economic Development Committee Update**

### **March 2022**

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** Veronique Link informed the EDC that she was resigning from the committee. She indicated it had nothing to do with the committee but didn't feel it was in her interest to serve. The committee welcomed Mike Szczechura as a new member of the EDC. Mike has indicated a strong desire to become involved and help move the committee projects forward.
2. **RECRUITMENT:** An introductory letter has been created by Jim and Mike that is to be sent to current business owners in an effort to both solicit their help and to inform them of the EDC and its goals. It will be reviewed at the March meeting and once approved, sent out. Following the letter, members of the committee will contact the businesses directly to see how the EDC can help them and to solicit their views on what economic development in Bridgeville means to them.
3. **CROSSWALK AND SIGNAL BOX ART:** Bethany is working with a graphic designer to develop ideas for both crosswalk art and signal box art. The committee focused on three general themes for both of the art projects. The areas are Historic Bridgeville (to highlight the history of Bridgeville); Apples (to highlight local farming and Apple Scrapple); and Woodbridge Raiders (to help build community spirit). A goal has been set to have designs completed and the signal boxes before the next fiscal year. The crosswalks have been postponed until after the tourist season. To help ensure the project stays on track I am proposing that a task list with dates and responsibilities be agreed upon by the EDC. It will be reviewed at the March meeting.
4. **FARM TO TABLE EVENT:** The committee is just starting to look into having some farm to table events. This event would feature local farms with their products and possibly bringing in local restaurants featuring those farm products. We will also be looking into how we could bring in the high school clubs or other organizations as part of the event.

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